

THE RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

April 2001 Newsletter

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April Shower Greetings!

Are you ready for spring! Hopefully, all sorts of blooms will be bursting through the earth by the time you receive this. We need COLOR!

And you're sure to see lovely color when you come to our next meeting on Monday, April 16th, 7:30 pm, at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church when RVAA artist member Doug Axmann will be doing an oil painting demonstration. We all know Doug as our Membership Chairman, but perhaps you aren't all aware what a good teacher and award-winner he is. Do come and enjoy a springtime treat!

Our thanks to Linda Arnold for mailing out the newsletters and membership lists (which Don Nathen prepared) last month when Don was away. And congratulations to Eleanor DeMott who purchased Burt Longenbach's delightful still-life oil painting demo last month.

Debbie Hughes reports that there are still a few seats left for our wonderful Big Apple trip--the price is \$23., made out to RVAA, and you may send your check to Debbie at 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ,08807. We leave 8:45 from the Somerset County Library's upper parking lot (near the Vo-Tech School) on Saturday, April 21st. We can see the Metropolitan Museum of Art (have lunch there) and then be bussed to the Salmagundi Club (the American Watercolor Society Show) and the Forbes Museum. Need more info? 908/575-5442 daytime; 908/725-4639 evenings.

Nona Rutter has graciously agreed to chair RVAA's special show at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Westfield during the month of August. No nudes or really depressing subjects here, please. The number of paintings you can bring depends on the number of RVAA artists who wish to exhibit. Please call Nona at 908/766-4962 if you wish to be a part of this, and did not sign up at March's meeting.

The Historic Chester Business Association is inviting you to apply for its 1st Annual Chester Fine Art Show, Sat. June 23rd and (optional)

Sunday, June 24th. The show is run by the same folks who run the very successful Chester Fall Craft Show. Call or write the Historic Chester Business Association, P.O. Box 320, Chester, NJ, 07930, 908/879-4814 for an application or see President Linda Arnold.

There are several spectacular shows on right now at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, George Street, New Brunswick, through May 20th. "American Impressionism", an impressive show on loan from the Smithsonian Institute, and featuring the U.S. own wonderful Impressionists, among them Twachtman, Metcalf, Chase, Prendergast, and Cassat. Also "The Exotic Flower" portrayals of femineity in late 19th century art (think Manet, Lautrec, prints, etc.). There's lots more to be seen, in addition. The museum is open Tues-Fri 10-4:30 and Sat & Sun noon-5. Guided tours available. Admission \$3. 732/932-7237.

And just briefly, you may want to catch two shows at the 1860 House, Montgomery Road, just off 206 S, the Garden State Watercolor Society Full Members Show in the downstairs galleries and several members of the Professional Artists Group upstairs. Meanwhile the Renee Foosaner Gallery of the Papermill Playhouse in Milburn is presently hosting the Full Members Show of the New Jersey Water Color Society.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The Bridgewater Township Committee for the Creative Arts just finished its month long show, for not only Bridgewater residents, but also any person who takes lessons from a Bridgewater resident. Awards were given in both Professional and Non-professional categories. Several RVAA members were among the winners. Diana Patton was awarded First in Pro category with Ruth Wilson Second. Pro Honorable Mentions included Sylvia Glesmann and Ronald Tolles. Marian Cornwell won Second, non-pro and Judy Hummer won Third. Non-pro artists receiving Honorable Mentions were Barbara Briden, Geri Oldman, and Jim Laubach. Other RVAA members who exhibited here are Ken Bernhard, Marge Braun, Kathy Blair, Mary Ann Creasy, Sherry Engelberg, Angela Fehrenaback, Nina Guerriero, Frances Louise Marell, Doris Peck, Mary Ann Vaccaro, Dorothy Varrone, Florence White, and Rosemary Zangara. (almost half the exhibitors are RVAA members!)

BARBARA BRIDEN and DIANA PATTON currently have watercolors at Madeleine's, a Catering Restaurant, on Mountain Avenue, in Bound Brook.

RUTH WILSON's students currently have a display of their works in the Lobby Gallery of the newly refurbished Somerset County Library, through the month of April. RVAA members who are in this show are as follows:

In the Circular Gallery of the Somerset County Library are paintings by some of Diana Patton's students. RVAA members in this show are Barbara Briden, William Gilbert, Frances Louise Marell, and Rosemary Zangara.

So--sounds like we're all gearing up for action here! Do send me your news and let's all feast on Spring! (soon, please)